

and thousand officers of the navy, who have returned recently from Manila, state that Dewey's health, so far as it could be gauged from his appearance, appears to be about the same as it has been for the past years; and they agree private reports probably have a fair basis of fact. It is not denied by these officials that the admiral has aged in the past few years, but that nothing is to be seen in his hair is undoubtedly whiter and his figure shows signs of that weakness which might be expected to come with advancing years. Dewey will be sixty-two years old next December, and for many years has not been a strong man physically. Meantime, he has